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WAR NEWS.

Prominent officers serving before Charleston express themselves in private letters as earnestly hopeful of the result of the combined military and naval operations, but they do not mention any time for the reduction of Fort Sumter, &c., as promised by enthusiastic newspaper correspondents. The work being heavy and requiring the utmost skill and caution, they, with a full appreciation of all the difficulties, purposely refrain from exciting expectations of an immediate and complete victory, nor are speedy results of such a character anticipated.

New Orleans dates to the 9th, received via Memphis, say the army under command of Gen. Banks may be considered in summer quarters. The General is at New Orleans, but it was rumored he would go home shortly. Gen. Wetzel occupies the Teche country. Gen. Franklin is at Baton Rouge. Gen. Andrews commands at Port Hudson. Gen. Heron is below Port Hudson.

Admiral Porter notifies the captains of steamboats on the Mississippi that at all points where there might be danger of an attack from guerillas he has stationed armed vessels.—Wooding stations, under cover of gunboats, will soon be stationed along the river.

From Vicksburg the news is of little importance. Gen. Sherman's headquarters were near the Big Black river.

It was reported on 'Change in St. Louis on Saturday last, that the Government has taken up, for the use of General Grant's army, all the corn, oats and hay now in transitu from St. Louis to New Orleans. The market price will be paid for them.

This is said to be the first year since 1833, that the potato blight has not appeared in Ireland. The harvest generally is reported better than it has been for several years past. This fact, however, is not retarding emigration, and the peasantry are crowding the ships that sail for America.

The Rochester (Minn.) Post says the medicinal plant, the Seneka Root, has become quite an article of export thereabouts. J. D. Ameigh & Co., of that city, have, during the month of June last, purchased and shipped upwards of eight hundred pounds of this article, designed for use in the Eastern cities, in the preparation of expectorants and cough remedies.

Major De Peyster, of the First New York artillery, who recently attempted to cowhide his colonel, has been dismissed the service by an order from the War Department.

Gen. Gillmore, now conducting the siege of Charleston, is a native of Ohio. He is a handsome, powerfully built man, of apparently thirty-five years of age.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Express says.—"The Herald in its classification of the next House of Representatives, sets down Messrs. Segar and Chandler of Va., as supporters of the Administration.—This assignment is regarded here as erroneous, as Mr. Segar, who was recently in Washington, declared openly that he should array himself with the Conservative Opposition, and that Mr. Chandler would do the same. Both Segar and Chandler are Old Line Whigs of the Clay and Webster school, and may be regarded as standing on the same platform with the National Intelligencer."

On the 7th instant an order was issued in New Orleans, placing the price of bread at twenty cents for fifty-three ounces, five cents for thirteen ounces. Any broker or dealer in bread, violating that order, was subject to fine and imprisonment.

The authorities of Paris have called upon the manager of the Hippodrome to desist from the spectacle that has been there presented to its visitors, of the entrance of a female into the cage of the wild beasts.

General Halleck has issued orders to execute Gen. W. H. Lee and Captain Winder as soon as information is received at Fortress Monroe that the Confederates have executed Captains Sawyer and Flynn.

Judge Joseph Bryan of Alabama, who has for a number of years resided in Washington, and was well known in connection with departmental business, died last night. He is a man of wealth and a bachelor. Much of his possessions were in the South.

Correspondents of the Northern papers assert that the forces under General Lee have been weakened by the transfer of troops to Charleston, and that the recent attacks of the Confederates upon the lines of the Army of the Potomac were but feints to cover the movements of troops southward. It is said that General Meade has in like manner sent reinforcements to Gen. Gillmore, but that the army is in sufficient strength to protect the defenses around Washington.

It is now confidently expected that, as soon as the arrangements already in progress are perfected, there will be a general reduction in the rates of postage to all parts of Europe, with a uniform rate to most of those countries.

A Steam Carriage is on exhibition at Lowell that will run from thirty to forty miles an hour on a common road. It will travel slow or fast, up hill and down, backward or forward.

Mayor Opdyke, of N. Y., still refuses to sign the three million ordinance, without certain amendments are made, which the Common Council will not agree to.

The New York Journal of Commerce thus speaks of financial affairs in that city on Wednesday:—"There is increasing vigor in regular trade, and money continues in active demand at 6@7 per cent. Foreign exchange is weaker, but irregular, with little doing."

The letters of the New York papers give details of the severe bombardment at the siege of Charleston last Friday and Saturday; it would not appear that, so far, many have been killed or wounded on either side; the heavy guns fired at Fort Sumter have slightly breached the upper part of the walls in one or two places. No prisoners have been taken since the attack on Fort Wagner. Both sides were working at their intrenchments and defenses.

We wish some of the large newspapers, would publish once a week at least, a list of the fabrications and falsehoods set afloat during the week, in the public journals, and contradicted within the succeeding three days. We would do it ourselves, but our space is too limited.—The day devoted to that task we would have no room for any thing else!

It is gravely announced that "the appearance of the Canard, in a public journal, is a feature which marks a state of progress, and an infallible sign of superabundant energy and vigor in a newspaper!" The Lord deliver us from such progress, or such energy, or vigor.

Gen. Meade has issued an order containing regulations for the Sutlers, in carrying their goods to the Army, and on their return, giving them a weekly escort, and requiring of them obedience to the arrangements made. Sutlers and their property are to be excluded from transportation by rail.

The ice wagon of E. C. Atwell, on Wednesday, on coming from Washington, was searched at the Long Bridge, and some kegs of whiskey found secreted under the ice. The wagon, horses, ice and whiskey were confiscated.

Amongst a number of Confederate prisoners brought in on Wednesday from the front, and sent to Washington, were, it is said, Samuel Wimsat, and W. Avery, young men, formerly of this place.

It is said that a squad of Moseby's cavalry were on Wednesday evening, near Mason's Hill, in Fairfax county, three miles from Forts Ellsworth and Ward.

The draft in New York goes on without any disturbance whatever, although every precaution is taken to prevent a renewal of riots.

A large Convention of the Indiana War Democrats, in favor of the prosecution of the War, has been held in Indianapolis.

The report that ex-Governor Aiken, of S. C., is held a prisoner in the South, is positively contradicted.

The three camels, for which the government originally paid ten thousand dollars, with a view of introducing this species of stock on the plains of the southwest, were sold at auction in St. Louis on Saturday last. They were knocked down at \$98, \$115 and \$150 respectively.